(b) what action has been taken against them?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) and (b) In the month of October, 1988, the Leaders of Bhartiya Kisan Union had organised a Dharna at the Boat Club, New Delhi. On 29th October, 1988, they made rovocative and inflamatory ulterances on loud speakers. They were warned by the police about the unauthorised use of loud-speakers but they did not pay any heed to it. It was felt by the officers on the spot that best method not involving use of force, was to drown the provocative an inflamatory utterances of the leaders by playing music through loud speakers. The choice of music was purely incidental. No action is contemplated against any one.

**Special Assistance for West Bengal**

2482. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Chief Minister of West Bengal has requested the Centre to allocate Rs. 40 crores as special assistance for the restoration works in Darjeeling; and

(b) if so, what action has been taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EXPENDITURE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI B. K. GADHVI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

**Urban Noise Level**

2483. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the level of urban noise acceptable under international standards and what are the levels observed in Indian towns and cities; and

(b) what steps have so far been taken to reduce noise pollution in the urban areas?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) The urban noise level acceptable under international standards, as prescribed by the World Health Organisation (WHO), is as follows:—

*Recommended Noise-exposure limits by W.H.O. 1980*

| Environment | | Recommended Maximum Level |
|---|---|---|
| Industrial/Occupational | | 75 decibles |
| Community/Urban: | Day-time | 55 " |
| | Night time | 45 " |
| Indoor/domestic: | Day time | 45 " |
| | Night time | 35 " |

According to the surveys conducted, noise levels are high in certain localities of some metropolitan cities of India. Noise levels prevailing in the cities and towns studied range from 57 decibles to 91 decibles.

(b) The steps taken to control noise pollution in urban areas include:

Controlling use of loudspeakers.

Declaration of silence zones in sensitive areas.

Noise is included as a subject in the Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Amendment Act, 1987.

The Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 also includes provision for enabling enforcement of noise pollution control measures.

Restriction on use of lound and electric horns in vehicles.

Regulated movement of heavy vehicles; and

Segregating industries from residential areas using proper landscape management.

**Package programme for small farmers by insurance companies**

2484. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any comprehensive package has been worked out by the insurance companies for small farmers to provide for various types of risks faced by them; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) and (b) Various package policies are being offered by the subsidiaries of the General Insurance Corporation of India to small farmers which provide covers for various properties belonging to farmers against risks of fire, lightning, strikes, malicious damage, flood, hurricane, tempest and such other natural calamities like earthquake, landslides, etc. The basic cover granted is for personal accident, dwelling and its contents and cattle insurance. Such policy can also cover property such as bullock cart, agricultural pumpsets, pedal cycle, input cost of seeds and pesticides and such other property for which the farmers may require a cover.

**भारतीय किसान यूनियन के प्रदर्शनकारियों को पीने का पानी सप्लाई न किया जाना**

2485. **श्री राम जेठमलानी** : क्या गृह मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि गत 30 अक्तूबर, 1988 को उच्चतम न्यायालय की खण्डपीठ द्वारा केन्द्रीय सरकार तथा दिल्ली प्रशासन को भारतीय किसान यूनियन के कार्यकर्ताओं के लिए पेयजल एवं अन्य आवश्यक सुविधाएं न जुटाए जाने के कारण इस संबंध में निदेश दिए गए थे;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस संबंध में ब्यौरा क्या है ; और

(ग) उच्चतम न्यायालय की खण्डपीठ द्वारा इस प्रकार के निदेश जारी किए जाने के क्या कारण हैं ?

**गृह मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री सन्तोष मोहन देव)** : (क) से (ग) भारतीय किसान यूनियन की रैली को पीने के पानी की सप्लाई रोके जाने के आरोप में उच्चतम न्यायालय में एक रिट याचिका दायर की गई । उच्चतम न्यायालय ने निम्नलिखित आदेश जारी किया :—

"निर्गम नोटिस 1-11-1988 को प्रत्यावर्तनीय/भारतीय किसान यूनियन के समुचित प्रतिनिधि पानी की सप्लाई तथा अन्य अनिवार्य सुविधाएं उपलब्ध कराने के लिए उपयुक्त प्राधिकारियों से अनुरोध करने के लिए अभ्यावे